

How will places be awarded?

- All expressions of interest submitted by the deadline will be considered by a panel.
- Expressions of interest will be considered based on the criteria set out below.
- Successful individuals will be contacted and sent a registration form to complete.
- Unsuccessful individuals will be notified by email.

Who can apply?

Applicants must meet the Scotland residency requirements – (See Appendix 1 of [Fee Rules](#))

Expressions of interest will be evaluated based on the following criteria, which should be covered within the supporting statement field within the expression of interest form (max 500 words).

1. Applications from those who meet one or more of the following criteria are particularly welcomed:
 - Females interested in computing or space science
 - Those with a personal income of £25,000 or less
 - Those in remote and/or rural areas of Scotland
 - Applicants who indicate they intend to embark on a Masters qualification.
2. Summary of particular interest in, and understanding of, the module being applied for.
3. Commitment to successful completion of the module and a clear plan of how to manage your time to fit in the hours required for successful completion of the module.
 - 30 credit modules - 12-15 hours per week (on average)
 - 60 credit modules – 16-20 hours per week (on average).
4. Commitment to provide verbal or written feedback on the module and the experience of studying it at three key points during or after the module.
5. In general, for postgraduate modules it is expected that you will hold a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a related discipline, or alternatively have at least three years relevant industry/professional experience, but please check the specific entry requirements for the module you are applying for.
6. For the Space Science modules
 - a. You must declare the MSc in Space Science and Technology (F77) (or another qualification towards which the module can count) as your qualification intention.

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- b. You should have at least a 2.2 honours degree in mathematics or a 2.1 honours degree in physics, astronomy, geosciences, chemistry, engineering or mathematics. Previous study in space science or astronomy is not explicitly required. In exceptional circumstances applicants without such a qualification will be considered, although non-graduates will not normally be admitted to the MSc programme.
 - c. Previous experience of computer programming is not explicitly required but would be an advantage. You will be expected to develop proficiency in a computer programming language for the control of equipment or the analysis of data.
 - d. The module emulates the experience of space scientists by requiring you to work online with other students on activities using remotely controlled experiments, including the analysis of data and the presentation of your results.
 7. All teaching is in English and your proficiency in the English language should be adequate for the level of study you wish to take. We strongly recommend that you have achieved an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of at least 7. To assess your English language skills in relation to your proposed studies you can visit the IELTS website (www.ielts.org). If English is not your first language, we recommend that you will need a minimum overall score of 6 and minimum score of 5.5 in each of the four components: reading, writing, speaking and listening under the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Contact

Any questions? Please email Scotland-engagement@open.ac.uk.